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SUBJECT: ANTI-PERONIST RALLY

1. ON EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 16 A CROWD OF OVER 8,000 GATHERED AT DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES SPORTS ARENA (LUNA PARK) TO CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OVERTHROW OF PERON IN 1955. SEVERAL SPEAKERS, HEADED BY RETIRED ADMIRAL ROSAS, A PRINCIPAL FIGURE IN THE '55 UPRISING, COMPETED AMONG THEMSELVES IN DENOUNCING PRESENT AND PAST PERONIST GOVERNMENTS IN HARSHEST TERMS.

2. DURING RALLY, TEN INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED TO BE PERONIST YOUTH MEMBERS CREATED DISTURBANCE OUTSIDE ARENA AND WERE ARRESTED BY POLICE. APART FROM THIS INCIDENT AND SOME MINOR SCUFFLING, ENTIRE EVENT CARRIED OFF IN ORDERLY MANNER. HEAVY POLICE PROTECTION WAS PROVIDED FOR THE GATHERING AND PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE ORDERLINESS OF GATHERING.

3. COMMENT: THE GATHERING HAS LITTLE IF ANY POLITICAL RELEVANCE FOR CURRENT POLITICAL PROCESS. IT IS DOUBTFUL EVEN ORGANIZERS BELIEVE THE EVENT WILL IMPACT ON CURRENT GOVERNMENT. SIGNIFICANCE LIES IN FACT THAT EVENT WAS ALLOWED TO TAKE PLACE AT ALL. IT IS INCONCEIVABLE SUCH A GATHERING COULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE DURING REGIME OF LOPEZ REGA AND INDEED MIGHT NOT HAVE

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BEEN POSSIBLE EVEN AS LATE AS A MONTH AGO. FACT THAT CURRENT

ADMINISTRATION WILLING TO ALLOW MASS GATHERING IT KNEW IN
ADVANCE WOULD HEAP ABUSE ON CURRENT GOVERNMENT SEEN AS SIGN OF
GOA TOLERANCE OF PEACEFUL DISSENT.
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